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NOTES AND NEWS

DR KEANE'S REPLY TO DR BRINTON'S REVIEW.—In his notice of my Ethnology in the Anthropologist for March, Dr Brinton states that this work "is scarcely more than an expansion of" his Races and Peoples, "pursuing the same plan, treating the same subjects in nearly the same order, and in various portions advancing as his own the opinions set forth by" his book. "Mr Keane borrows the term 'Eurafrican' from that work without acknowledgment, and claims as his own the theory of the origin of the race in northwest Africa, which is expressed by the word."

This is a heavy indictment, involving a direct charge of wholesale plagiarism of the very worst type. Let me assure your readers that the charge is absolutely baseless, and put forward, I know not why, in incredibly reckless language. I have never seen Dr Brinton's book since its appearance, over five years ago. I give a flat denial to the statement about "the same plan." "treatment," "order," etc., and I declare positively that I have not borrowed, directly or indirectly, a single passage, line, or word from that book. Least of all have I borrowed the term "Eurafrican." which I have myself used for years, but never in Dr Brinton's sense, which I regard as highly objectionable. For him Eurafrican represents the highest type, which I still call by the old-fashioned name of "Caucasic," faute de mieux; for me an Eurafrican is a mulatto; but in the Ethnology I nowhere use the word in an ethnical, but only in a geological sense, the "later (Miocene) Eurafrican continent" (page 230); nor do I claim as my own or at all Dr Brinton's "theory," which "is expressed by the word." I locate my Homo Caucasicus, not in "northwest Africa," but in "the whole area from the Mediterranean to Sudan," and in the place where this passage occurs (page 392) I reject Dr Brinton's in favor of Professor Jastrow's view on one aspect of this very question. Really I must ask Dr Brinton promptly to withdraw this . . . charge

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Among the New courses to be offered at the University of Wisconsin are those on anthropology and ethnology and on social philosophy, by Professor Raymond.